THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Government of India has not recieved any formal proposal in this regard from the Government of Delhi.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Development Package for Jammu and kashmir

3926. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a development package for Jammu and Kashmir recently in regard to debt relief and rural schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, it will come into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The progress of development schemes in the State is being reviewed regularly with a view to step up the pace of development activities and projects in J & K, and identify the difficulties and areas requiring further resource augmentation under various schemes. The last review meeting was taken by Minister of State for Internal Security on 20.7.1994. In addition, teams of Union Secretaries and other senior Central Government officials have been visiting the State frequently for detailed follow up action and review of various programmes with the concerned State Government officials at the field level.

In the light of these reviews and discussions, the following additional funds/projects have been sanctioned/ allocated invarious sectors:—

(i) Outlays under various Rural Development schemes have been enhanced substantially: IRDP — Rs. 5 crores (3.13 crores); JRY—Rs. 25 crores (17.5 crores); Sanitation — Rs. 2 crores (1 crore); TRYSEM — Rs. 70 lakhs (21 lakhs); DWCRA—Rs. 29 lakhs (16 lakhs); Drinking Water — Rs. 26 crores (19 crores). Apart from this, Rs. 6 crores have been allocated under Innovative Projects scheme (Figures in brackets pertain to the earlier outlay).

(ii) Extension of the Revamped Public Distribution system (RPDS) to 23 more blocks in the State (covering an additional population of nearly 13 lakhs) and extension of the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) to these 23 blocks, leading to a total availability ofaround Rs. 57 crores in the current year for the EAS.

(iii) For Women & Child Development, four ICDS Projects and four Working Women Hostels have been sanctioned, as specifically requested by the State Government.

(iv) Two additonal industrial infrastructure projects, a fruit processing unit, establishment of an Entrepreneureal Development Institute, grant for setting up two abottoirs, additonal grant in the KVI Sector for wool weavers and a grant under the Intensive Emplyment Scheme for one district to begin with, with linkage of funds from the Ministry of Rural Development.

(v) It has also been decided to provide funds to the tune of Rs. 3 crores under the JRY for restoration of damaged school buildings, and assistance for augmentation of medical and ambulatory sevices as also for repair and maintenance of sophisticated medical equipments.

(vi) Allication of wheat and rice under the PDS was enhanced by 10,000 and 8,000 tonnes respectively.

Action for stepping up development activity in J&K is a continuing process. Accordingly the steps already initiated, including meetings and visits of Central Government officials to the State, to review and follow up action on decisions taken from time to time, as also for identification of further assistance requirements of the State Government, will continue.